Scrapping of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

399. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap some Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the net savings due to scrapping of these schemes; and

(d) the manner in which the saving is likely to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) Planning Commission has recently undertaken an exercise regarding transfer/rationalization/review of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Few schemes have been identified for discontinuance which has been communicated to the Ministries/Department by Planning Commission.

Development of Infrastructure in Rural Areas

400. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the priorities fixed by the Planning Commission for the development of infrastructure in the rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Commission hold its control over the programmes being run for this purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons for pathetic condition of water supply, electricity, education, healthcare and roads, particularly in the rural areas despite putting all our efforts;

(d) whether the Commission has marked certain laggard areas considered a failure as per the parameters of human development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Planning and development of rural infrastructure is mainly the responsibility of the States. The Central Government assists the States in their efforts by contributing a part of the resources through Central Assistance to State Plans and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Planning Commission does not control these

schemes and the responsibility for monitoring is that of the concerned departments/ministries.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above. does not arise.

(d) and (e) The National Human Development Report brought out by the Planning Commission in 2002 has ranked the States on the basis of parameters of Human Development Index that have not specifically identified any laggard areas. However, the National Commission on Population on the basis of a Composite Index that included 12 indicators (given in statement-I) (*see* below) had identified 168 districts that needed focused attention to improve overall development and quality of life of the people. The district-wise details of the Composite Index are given in Annexure (see Appendix 204 Annexure No. 2). The National Human Development Report has been placed in the Parliament library.

Statement

The National Commission on Population has ranked the districts on the basis of a Composite Index that included 12 indicators, which are given below.

1. Percentage decadal population growth rate;
2. Percentage of births of order 3 and above.
3. Percentage of current user of family planning methods;
4. Percentage of Girls marrying below 18 years of Age;
5. Sex ratio;
6. Percentage of women receiving skilled attention during deliveries;
7. percentage of Children getting complete immunization;
8. Female Literacy Rate;
9. Percentage of villages not connected with pucca road (estimated);
10. Percentage coverage of safe drinking water and sanitation (estimated);
11. Percentage of Birth registered (estimated); and
12. Percentage of Death registered (estimated).